



Construction Ahead!

Newly paved I-10 lanes open; slow lanes close for sound walls

Work on the Interstate 10 widening project in Redlands has entered the fourth and final phase this spring, with sound walls soon to be under construction.

Construction crews shifted drivers to the newly paved lanes next to the freeway median last month. This shift occurred first on the east-



I-10 drivers are using the new lanes next to the center median, which opened this month. Work will start in May on sound walls.

bound lanes, followed by the shift on the westbound lanes the next week.

Crews have moved the barriers lining the freeway median to their new location along the freeway shoulder. The outside lanes on both sides of the freeway will remain closed to motorists during the last phase of work, which involves building sound

walls. These lane closures provide space for crews to work safely and efficiently and help reduce night work and associated noise.

The 14-foot split-face block walls will be built adjacent to the freeway during the next year. The walls will extend from approximately 6th Street to east of Highland Avenue on the north side of the freeway, and from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks to east of Highland Avenue on the south side of the freeway.

This phase also involves installing irrigation systems for vines that will be planted at the base of the sound walls. This landscaping will provide color and deter graffiti.

Motorists are urged to drive carefully through the construction zone and to watch for vehicles and crews while work is underway.

Work on this \$46 million construction effort (\$32 million in federal funds, \$14 million in local Measure I sales tax revenue) began in November 2005 and is expected to be complete by spring 2008.



Bridges to be strengthened for sound walls

Construction crews are gearing up to begin work on sound walls that will line Interstate 10.

Survey crews, *see photo above*, are marking the placement of the walls, and construction crews are demolishing the old concrete bridge barriers and overhangs. Work is expected to start the second week of May on the sound wall foundations.

Seven of the 11 bridges that were widened as part of the project also will be retrofitted with additional rebar and concrete to strengthen the structures.

This is required to support the weight of the 14-foot sound walls that will be built during the coming year.

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We're listening ...

For questions about this project, call the I-10 helpline at (909) 889-8611 x102. Callers may leave a message, which will be returned by the next business day. Do not use the helpline to report emergencies; instead, call 911.



Welcome, Ken Loncharich

The Interstate 10 widening project welcomes new Resident Engineer Ken Loncharich from LAN Engineering. He has replaced Ben Quintana, who is transferring to another project.

Loncharich, a Yucaipa resident, has been with LAN for two years and has been the Principal Assistant Resident Engineer on the Route 210 construction project in San Bernardino and Rialto.

Prior to his work at LAN, he worked for Caltrans for 14 years, specializing in a variety of bridge widening, bridge replacement, road and sound wall projects in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Loncharich earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1991 and became a Registered Professional Engineer in 1995.

Welcome, Ken!

Partial funding secured for widening of westbound I-10

The California Transportation Commission approved \$26.5 million in February toward the future widening of westbound I-10 between Yucaipa and Redlands. This will fund a portion of the estimated \$38 million construction project that will add one lane from Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa to Ford Street in Redlands.

The project is undergoing environmental review by the Federal Highway Administration. Environmental clearance is expected to be received by the middle of this year.

Following environmental clearance, the project will enter final design, a phase that will take about 30 months. Construction may begin in early 2010 and take about 18 months to complete.

San Bernardino Associated Governments will fund the balance of the project using funds generated from the current Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County.



I-10 Freeway Service Patrol lends a hand to stranded drivers



The Interstate 10 Freeway Service Patrol continues to ride to the rescue of drivers whose vehicles breakdown in the construction zone during peak commute hours.

Roving tow trucks help relieve traffic congestion by aiding stalled motorists during weekday morning and afternoon commute times -- at no charge. The program reduces traffic delays from other drivers who slow down to watch, and also helps prevent secondary accidents. The FSP creates safer driving conditions and improves air quality by increasing the flow of traffic.

Since the program started in November 2005, tow operators have offered aid to 3,235 motorists. While about 35% of the drivers have declined the free help, hundreds have accepted this assistance, as follows:

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| ■ 598 mechanical breakdowns | ■ 374 flat tires |
| ■ 292 overheated vehicles | ■ 247 accidents |
| ■ 211 abandoned vehicles | ■ 193 empty gas tanks |
| ■ 89 electrical problems | ■ 70 debris clearance |
| ■ 3 vehicle fires | ■ 1 key lock-out |

The FSP is funded through a grant by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, with a contribution by Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County.